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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GREENBLAT ET AL.

Examiner

John F. Gianola

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 July 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 September 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 20030331.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Specification

1. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-4 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Leach et. al. (US Pat. No. 5,410,652).

4. As to Claim 1:

Providing a library of read commands and write commands for a network processor in a rings based architecture (see column 10, line 66 to column 11, line 10; column 11, lines 49-56; and column 3, lines 15-17);

Including an option bit in the read commands and write commands for an address calculation modification mode (see column 26, lines 12-17);

Providing an agent module for forwarding read requests and write requests to a DMA controller in response to requests including an address issued by the network processor (see column 26, lines 31-57; column 27, lines 1-7; and column 27, lines 60-68); and

Modifying the value of the address when the option bit is set before forwarding the read requests and write requests to the DMA controller (see column 26 line 31 to column 27, line 7; and column 27, lines 60-68).

5. As to Claim 2:

Wherein modifying the value of an address comprises automatically computing a destination address using a base address, an offset, and an address modifier (see Figure 5d and column 26, lines 31-57).

6. As to Claim 3:

Wherein modifying the value of an address allows computation of the destination address using a single read command or write command (see column 26, lines 31-57);

7. As to Claim 4:

Wherein the method permits repeated accesses to an external data structure without recomputing the destination address in its entirety each time (see column 7, lines 15-21).

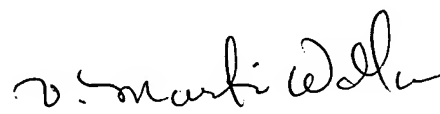
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John F Gianola whose telephone number is (571)272-3848. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri (8:30 - 5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached at (571)272-6159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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